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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: POLYPEPTIDE-VACCINES FOR  
BROAD PROTECTION AGAINST  
HYPERVIRULENT MENINGOCOCCAL  
LINEAGES

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated March 16, 2009 (Part of Paper No. 20090312), for which a response is due April 12, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 filed on December 30, 2008, does not list the proper status identifiers for the claims, namely, Claim 12. Submitted herewith is a revised version of the pending claims in the above matter.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.